

## Thornton-in-Lonsdale Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Minutes of the meeting

In attendance: Cllrs K Savage (Chair), D.Holman and T. Fawcett. Clerk A.Lund and two parishioners.

1. **To receive any apologies for absence.** Cllr Hunter.
2. **To receive any declarations of interests.** None
3. **To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting.** Minutes confirmed and signed by the chair.
4. **Matters arising from last meeting.** a) *The historic parish road sign has been paid for and is awaiting collection. A “good news” story has been prepared for the Craven Herald and a response is awaited from Lord’s of Ingleton.* b) *At the request of Cllrs, the clerk had emailed Craven DC regarding delays in processing planning applications. A response had been received saying that staff illness/absence was delaying processing of applications.* c) *Ingleton Scenery Co had been invoiced for £84.00 for the cost of replacement defibrillator pads. No response had yet been received.* d) *A Certificate of Exemption had been agreed by the external auditors for 2020/21 and therefore the audit process was now closed.* e) *Membership of the TCPA had been arranged for 2021-22 at a discounted rate of £90.00. This will give Cllrs access to support and training on planning matters.*
5. **Save a Life/defibrillator/contact with Waterfalls owners.** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
6. **Planning applications/approvals/rejections from Craven DC and Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.** Parishioners attending spoke to Cllrs about their planning application to Craven DC. The plan is to site five glamping pods at Primrose Bank Farm along with associated services and landscaping work. Cllrs supported the application feeling it would be a notable improvement on a current structure on the site, as well as increasing provision for visitors and providing local employment. *Clerk to email Craven DC with this decision.* Since the last meeting, Craven DC had approved planning applications at Halsteads (tree works) and Green Cottage, Westhouse. A number of planning applications with YDNPA remained pending although plans for a 2 bedroom timber lodge and associated works at Masongill Hall had been approved today....15/12/21.
7. **Financial update and bills payable.** PC finances were reported to be healthy with a balance increase from **£10,204 to £11,684** since the last meeting. *It was noted that investments with Columbia Threadneedle and Allianz had recovered since the initial Covid lockdown in the spring of 2020. Bill payments were agreed for the clerk’s salary (August-December 2021), Hartley grass cutting (October 2021), Royal British Legion wreath and donation, TCPA membership for 2021/22, room hire for the PC meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage stamps for PC correspondence. A further cheque would be needed to pay for the new PC noticeboards (item 11). Total expenditure £2,172.*
8. **Police report (October-December).** No crimes in the Parish had been reported to the police in the period since the last meeting in October. The police had been contacted about numerous examples of storm damage on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

9. **Feedback from the recent Sustrans steering meeting on the Lune Valley Greenway route proposals.** Cllr Holman and A.Lund had attended this meeting via Zoom on 9/12/21 and feedback was given to councillors. The steering group has representatives from Sustrans, county and city councils, YDNPA as well as Parish Councils along the route. A chair was nominated and elected, Nick Cotton of Cumbria CC, and terms of reference for the group agreed. A presentation and discussion followed regarding the four sections of the route from Kirkby Lonsdale to Ingleton. The aim is to create a safe, accessible pedestrian and cycle route which a 12 year old could use unaccompanied. Sustrans will work in cooperation with the local authorities and landowners to develop a viable route.. The next stage will be a public consultation on route options. *Cllrs agreed to support the greenway in principle due to the benefits it would bring to residents, local businesses and visitors. Wherever possible, and working with local landowners, the PC would like to see the old railway alignment utilised for the greenway, including the viaduct giving level access into Ingleton village.*
10. **Update on Turbary Pasture boundary wall repairs.** A letter had been received from the tenants of the Turbary Pasture outlining their understanding of responsibility for boundary maintenance. *Cllrs felt the information supplied was accurate and will be asking NWauctions to write to neighbouring landowners to ensure they are fulfilling their responsibility for boundary maintenance.*
11. **Quotations for new PC noticeboards for Masongill and Far Westhouse.** Having sought quotations, *the PC opted to place an order for two noticeboards with a firm in Kendal. The quote from the company was also the cheapest of those sought @£1,272 including vat. Installation options will be explored locally.*
12. **Agree dates for 2022 meetings.** These had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed. They are posted on the community website and on Parish noticeboards. *It was noted that the AGM, scheduled for April, may have to be moved to June. This to be confirmed at February 2022 meeting.*
13. **AOB** a) Craven PCs have been asked to consider nominations for Craven Community Champions for 2021. *Cllrs agreed to check with Ingleton PC to see if long serving clerk, Alison Hack had been nominated.* B) *Ingleton PC are advertising for a new clerk.* d) *Cllrs to let clerk know if they wish to attend a Craven DC meeting via Zoom on 12/1/22 from 6.30-8.00 to follow up their Impact of tourism survey.* e) *Cllr Fawcett highlighted the dangerous road junction in Low Westhouse at Tree Tops Caravan site pulling out onto the A65.*

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm and the date of the next meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm. Venue: Kirksteads Paddock, Tatterthorn Lane.**